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ABSTRACT

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5 The present invention relates to a mobile terminal and
a repository for providing access independent global roaming between
heterogeneous networks. The invention solves this problem and provides
policy enforcement and service transparency when terminals roam between
different heterogeneous networks. By providing a policy enforcement point
associated with the terminal, and by concerning the transport mechanism
between terminals and servers as a packet pipe, adding no extra value
except transport and Quality of Service classification thereof. The payment
for access and services can be separated and access may be paid in real-
time by an anonymous payment method. In accordance with the invention,
the terminal becomes more like a personal profile manager, managing rights
to services and access. The ability to purchase access opens the
possibility for the terminal to act as an e-commerce platform, and the
subscriber can access any network any time since access is paid for in
real time.